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Uexküll definitely showed how the notion of “subject” is not synonymous with that of “human being”. Uexküll liberalized subjectivity by extending it to the entire living world. However, Uexküll himself did not stop moving within the framework of subject/object dualism, a metaphysical dualism that is now completely incapable of thinking the time of the anthropocene, a time in which agentivity is widespread at all levels of nature, well beyond the classical living – non living divide. An agentivity that is neither subjective nor necessarily living. In this paper, after an analysis of the notion of subjectivity in Uexküll, an overcoming of such a dualism is proposed, starting with the pioneering biosemiotic reserches of the scientist Giorgio Prodi, who proposes a radically anti-dualistic approach to the study of nature and semiosis.